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Applicant: SHIRAISHI et al. Examiner: J. Aguirrechea
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Title: PIEZOCOMPOSITE, ULTRASONIC PROBE FOR ULTRASONIC
DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT, ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT,
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING PIEZOCOMPOSITE
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 1-13, 34 and 35 of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed March 29, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$330.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for filing this Notice of Appeal as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

Also enclosed is a Petition for two-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, thereby extending said period of response from June 29, 2004 to August 29, 2004. Our check in the amount of \$420.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for large entity.

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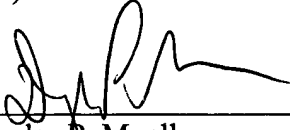
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